

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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Dear Mr. Chairman:

In view of the final paragraph of the signing statement dated December 2, 1987, with respect to Section 501 of the Intelligence Authorization Act, Fiscal Year 1988, and in order to avoid any misunderstanding or misapprehension, that paragraph does not instruct, and was never intended to instruct, the Attorney General to disregard valid Federal law, but to emphasize my constitutional concerns with respect to Section 501. I have instructed my staff to examine this issue further to determine if these constitutional concerns can be eliminated and to work with the Senate Intelligence Committee in that regard.

Sincerely,

Ronald Reagan

The Honorable David L. Boren
Chairman
Select Committee on Intelligence
United States Senate
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